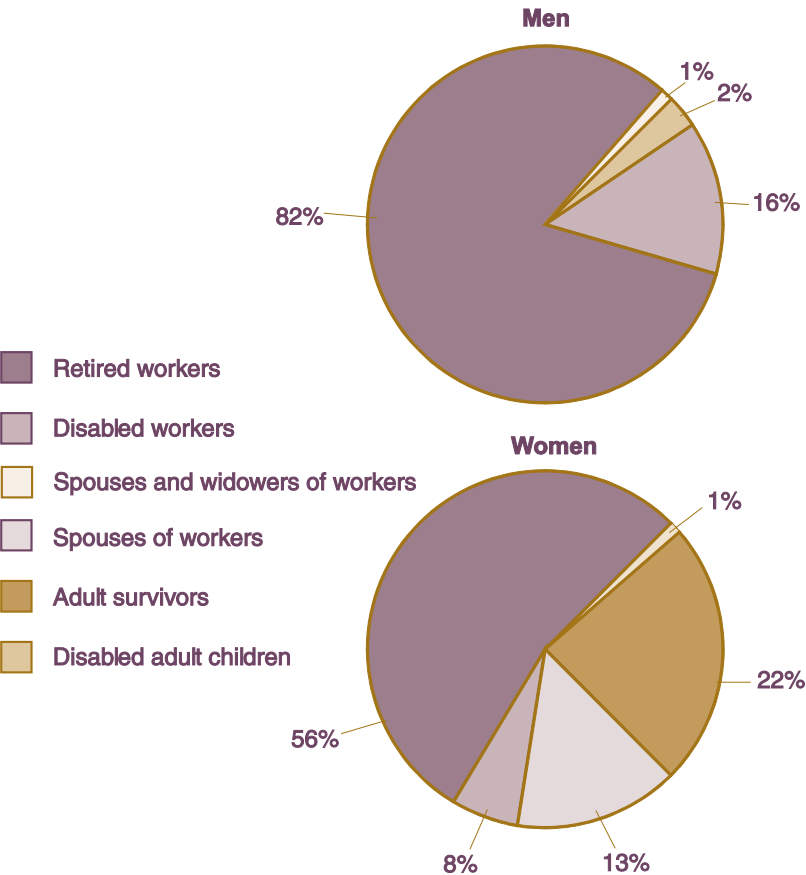


Beneficiaries by Sex

**Sex of persons receiving monthly benefits, December 1998.** Of all adults receiving monthly Social Security benefits at the end of 1998, 42% were men and 58% were women. More than 80% of the men and more than 50% of the women received retired-worker benefits. Slightly less than one-fourth of the women received survivors benefits.

Percent of adult beneficiaries, by sex



Percents may not sum to totals due to rounding.

## Beneficiaries by Sex

**Average monthly benefit amounts, December 1998.** Among retired and disabled workers who collected benefits based on their own work record, men received a higher average monthly benefit than women. For those who collected benefits based on another person's work record (spouses and survivors), women had higher average benefits.

### Average monthly benefits by sex, December 1998

Type of beneficiary	Men	Women
Total .....	\$857	\$643
Retired workers .....	877	676
Spouses .....	230	402
Disabled workers .....	823	608
Spouses .....	137	183
Survivors:		
Nondisabled widows and widowers .....	549	750
Disabled widows and widowers .....	333	491
Mothers and fathers .....	453	549

## Beneficiaries by Sex

**Women-worker beneficiaries, 1940–98.** The proportion of women among retired-worker beneficiaries has quadrupled since 1940. The proportion of women among disabled-worker beneficiaries has doubled since 1957, when benefits first became payable to disabled workers.

**Percent of women-worker beneficiaries, 1940–98**

